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SUBJ: KOREAN SUBJECTS IN OHIRA-CHOU TALKS

1. DURING MY CALL WITH CONGRESSMAN GILMAN ON FONMIN  
KIM DONG-JO JAN 12, KIM SAID THAT JAPANESE FONMIN  
OHIRA HAD RAISED TWO SUBJECTS RELATING TO KOREA  
DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING JAN 6-10.

2. KIM SAID OHIRA HAD ASKED WHETHER PEKING WOULD BE  
WILLING TO CONSIDER RECOGNITION OF ROK. CHOU EN-LAI  
HAD REPLIED EMPHATICALLY THAT "THE PRC WILL NEVER  
RECOGNIZE THE ROK." HOWEVER, KIM ADDED THAT OHIRA  
HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT CHOU HAD LEFT DOOR  
SLIGHTLY OPEN WITH REGARD EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF  
OTHER EXCHANGES WITH ROK STOPPING SHORT OF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS.

3. IN VOLUNTEERING THAT ROK-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON  
OIL EXPLORATION WOULD BE SIGNED LATER THIS MONTH,  
KIM ALSO SAID OHIRA HAD OUTLINED TO CHOU TERMS OF  
ROK-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON OIL EXPLORATION IN CONTESTED  
AREAS. CHOU HAD LISTENED WITHOUT COMMENT.

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4. COMMENT: KIM'S ATTITUDE IMPLIED THAT BOTH SUBJECTS HAD BEEN RAISED WITH PRIOR KNOWLEDGE IF NOT INSTIGATION OF ROK. KIM SEEMED SATISFIED WITH RESPONSES OHIRA HAD RECEIVED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JAPANESE, IN LIGHT OF THEIR SENSITIVITY TO CHINESE ATTITUDE REGARDING ANYTHING TO DO WITH CONTINENTAL SHELF RESOURCES, MAY HAVE WANTED TO TEST PRC REACTION BEFORE SIGNING AGREEMENT WITH ROK.  
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